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Tara Dawn Shurling, Esquire  
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Re: Robert Steed v. State  
Appellate Case No. 2019-000509

Dear Ms. Shurling:

Enclosed is an order of Chief Justice Beatty granting your motion for a sixth extension to serve and file the petition for a writ of certiorari and appendix in this case. Overall, this is the seventh extension that you have requested in this case.

While the Chief Justice is saddened that you continue to face significant health issues and wishes you a speedy recovery, he is concerned about the number of extensions that you have been requesting in this and other appellate cases.<sup>1</sup> Numerous extensions can unnecessarily prolong an appellate case, adversely

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<sup>1</sup> E.g., *State v. Justin Bradley Cameron*, Appellate Case No. 2018-001493 (9 extensions); *Prentiss W. Love v. State*, Appellate Case No. 2017-001689 (7 extensions); *Brantley W. Clarke v. State*, Appellate Case No. 2017-000841 (7 extensions); *William D. Wooten v. State*, Appellate Case No. 2016-001819 (6 extensions).

affecting not only the rights of the litigants, but also the public's interest in a final resolution of disputes.

If you are unable to meet the filing deadlines with a reasonable number of extensions, you may need to consider ways to reduce your workload to do so. Of course, any extension request in a criminal appeal or post-conviction relief certiorari proceeding will need to comply with the requirements of this Court's order dated March 18, 2009 (available at <https://www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2009-03-18-01>), and any extension in a case seeking review of a decision of the South Carolina Court of Appeals must comply with this Court's order dated July 16, 2014 (available at <https://www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-07-16-01>).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D.R.S.", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Enclosure

cc: Benjamin Hunter Limbaugh, Esquire